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September 9, 2015

Katrina Higgins-Coltrain
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

Re: Wilcox Oil Company Superfund Site. Legal Description: N $\frac{1}{2}$
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 29 T16N R9E and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 20 T16N
R9E, Creek County, Oklahoma.

Dear Ms. Higgins-Coltrain:

Thank you for the follow-up information on the evolution of the Wilcox Oil Company refinery. In a letter dated July 27, 2015 our agency recommended an archaeological survey of the refinery property. Because of the absence of more specific data on the project, our survey recommendation included all of the superfund site property. The aerial photograph history accompanying your August 31, 2015 letters allows us to refine our recommendation. Clearly, the western portion of the project area has been extensively disturbed in respect to archeological deposits. Archaeological survey of this area would be non-productive and is no longer warranted. However, what is identified as the East Tank Field appears to be less extensively disturbed, especially the eastern portion. There also appears to be a drainage present in the 1941 photograph although it is later masked by vegetation. The overall disturbance of this area appears to be less than that to the west. It is my opinion that the East Tank Field be surveyed for archaeological resources.

The age of the refinery is sufficient for National Register consideration, regardless of the nature of operation. I defer opinion on the eligibility of the Wilcox Oil Company to the State Historic Preservation Office.

This review has been conducted in cooperation with the State Historic Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society.

Sincerely,


Robert L. Brooks
State Archaeologist

Cc: SHPO

